



**Department of
Toxic Substances
Control**

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the Department of
Toxic Substances
Control is to
provide the highest
level of safety, and
to protect public
health and the
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toxic harm.*



State of California



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Fact Sheet, June 2008

Cleanup Proposal For The Rotor Blades Site Available for Public Review and Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) during a public comment period from June 2 through July 2, 2008 for the proposed cleanup of the Rotor Blades site. The 1.35-acre site is located at 1514 East Scotts Avenue in Stockton.

Environmental investigations occurred at three areas of the site (rinse and drainage areas and hazardous materials storage area). Repairing and refurbishing helicopter rotor blades contaminated some soil with heavy metals (arsenic, lead). Groundwater has not been impacted. The cleanup activities outlined below must be completed under DTSC oversight to ensure the site is protective of human health and the environment.

Proposed Cleanup

The goal of the proposed cleanup is to reduce the potential human health risk associated with elevated levels of heavy metals in soil. Before a cleanup method was proposed, several alternative methods were evaluated. The options considered were:

- Adding chemicals (phosphate stabilization compounds) to the soil to stabilize the contaminants,
- Extracting the contaminants from the soil using plants,
- Excavating contaminated soil and transporting it to an offsite landfill; and,
- Placing asphalt over the soil to eliminate exposure.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments on the Rotor Blades site's draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) are being accepted:

June 2 through July 2, 2008

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2008 and should be addressed to Mr. Dean Wright, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826. Comments may be submitted by email to Mr. Dean Wright at dwright@dtsc.ca.gov.

Copies of the draft RAW are available for review at the Fair Oaks Branch Library located at 2300 Main St., Stockton, California 95205. Information is also available at the DTSC Cal Center office in Sacramento. Please contact Mr. Wright at (916) 255-6528 to setup an appointment to review files at the Cal Center office.

The draft RAW proposes placing asphalt over uncovered surfaces at the site to reduce or eliminate exposure to the contaminants. In addition, a deed restriction limiting what the site can be used for in the future will be placed on the property. DTSC will make a final decision on the draft RAW after all comments submitted during the comment period have been considered.

Effects of the Cleanup on the Environment
Before DTSC can approve a cleanup method, it must meet the requirements of a California state law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (commonly referred to as CEQA). The purpose of CEQA is to analyze if a proposed cleanup could impact the environment. Because there will be no soil removal, DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA and will have no potential negative effect on the environment. The Notice of Exemption is available for review during the public comment period.

Response to Comments

DTSC will not make a decision to approve or amend the draft RAW until the public has had an opportunity to review and provide comment on the document. Once a determination is made, a document titled "Response to Comments" will be sent to anyone who submitted comments during the comment period, anyone who requests a copy, and the information repositories that have been established for this project. The Response to Comments outlines all comments received and DTSC's response to those comments.

Next Steps

A flier announcing the beginning of cleanup activities (for example, the type of equipment to be used and hours and days of operation) will be distributed prior to work beginning.

Documents Available at the Following Locations

The draft RAW and Notice of Exemption are available for public review at the Fair Oaks

Branch Library located at 2300 Main St., Stockton, California 95205.

Documents are also available for review at the Department of Toxic Substances Control's office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California. Please contact Mr. Dean Wright at (916) 255-6528, if you wish to review documents at the Cal Center office.

Site documents are also available at: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov for your review. Once at the website, type the word "Stockton" in the "city" line item and press 'enter'. You will be shown several projects. Find the "Rotor Blades, Inc.." report and press 'enter'. Move your cursor to the box reading "Community Involvement" and press 'enter'.

How to Provide Comments

Comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2008. Send your comments to:

Mr. Dean Wright, Project Manager,
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA
95826, (916) 255-6528, dwright@dtsc.ca.gov

For More Information

If you have questions about the proposed cleanup, please call or e-mail Mr. Dean Wright or Ms. Heidi Nelson, Public Participation Specialist, Department of Toxic Substances Control at (916) 255-3575 or free of charge at (866) 495-5651, hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov.

Media Inquiries

Members of the media are requested to contact Ms Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer, Department of Toxic Substances Control at (818) 551-2176, jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay service at (888-877-5378) (TDD). Ask them to contact Mr. Dean Wright at (916) 255-6528 regarding the Rotor Blades site.

COMMENT FORM AND MAILING COUPON FOR THE ROTOR BLADES CLEANUP PROJECT

You may use this sheet to:

- send us your comments
- be added to or taken off the mailing list

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address.
All written comments must be postmarked no later than July 2, 2008. Please send this form to:

Mr. Dean Wright, Project Manager
Responsible Party Unit
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

You may also email this same information to: hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov

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☐ Please add me to the mailing list

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Phone number (optional) _____

Comments:

DTSC Website

To learn more about DTSC you are encouraged to visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.